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Dear stakeholders:

On February 13, the City of Toronto's Executive Committee will consider Toronto Community Housing's [State of Good Repair Plan](#). The plan proposes selling 675 stand-alone units to raise \$222 million in revenue for much-needed repairs that will benefit more than 55,000 Toronto Community Housing households across the city. Two principles will guide us: sales proceeds will be used strictly for capital repairs and tenants asked to move will be well taken care of.

As I noted in a recent [Toronto Star op/ed](#), too many tenants are living in substandard housing because we can't afford to fix their buildings. If approved by City Council and by the provincial government, our State of Good Repair Plan will put real change in motion that will improve housing and quality of life for tenants.

We expect our plan will continue to generate lively public debate. We invite you to get the latest news and updates by visiting our [Web site](#) or following us on [Twitter](#).

Yours sincerely,

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### State of Good Repair plan will benefit 94% of tenants

Toronto Community Housing's State of Good Repair Plan will benefit more than 55,000 families in communities across the city.

[Figures released today](#) show how Toronto Community Housing would use the \$222 million that would be raised from the proposed sale of stand-alone units to fix multi-unit buildings and improve the lives of 94 per cent of its tenant households. Many of these tenants currently live in substandard housing.

### Capital repair backlog climbs to \$751 million

The need for funding to improve the quality of housing for all 164,000 tenants of Toronto Community Housing is greater than ever. [New figures](#) released by Toronto Community Housing show its capital repair backlog has increased to \$751 million. That is an increase from \$650 million in 2011.

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### Agency properties off the for sale list

[Agencies](#) working out of Toronto Community Housing stand-alone units will stay in the houses and continue providing valuable supportive housing services to vulnerable tenants. The 18 properties operated by six agencies are no longer on the proposed-for-sale list. The decision comes after consultation between the agencies, Toronto Community Housing and the City of Toronto.

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### Homecoming on Hubbard

A homecoming three years in the making is unfolding on the shores of Lake Ontario, as residents start returning to a fully renovated and restored [42 Hubbard Blvd.](#), a three-storey building with a great beach-front view.

Some of the building's features were retained, like the stained glass windows and the original wooden roof joists, which were repurposed in the new rooftop space. There are plenty of other new features incorporated in the design, including a new elevator, replacing the central staircase; a barrier-free entrance; a new common room, laundry room, green roof and rooftop patio with panoramic views of Lake Ontario; energy-efficient heating, air conditioning, and lighting; a fob access system and cameras to improve security; and rooftop solar panels to generate electricity.

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### Emergency response shows the power of partnership

The response to a four-alarm fire in Pelham Park demonstrates the [power of partnership](#).

When a raging fire at a nearby storage facility cut off electricity in the neighbourhood, Toronto Community Housing staff, tenants and members of the wider community took action to support people through a difficult situation.

Staff opened the recreation room and gathered the community's tenant leaders to plan the response. They decided to provide a light lunch in a safe place for tenants and children attending a nearby school. Community partners pitched in by donating food and beverages. In all, about 100 people, mostly children and seniors, were served, filling the void until power and water were restored.

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### Labour relations update

Toronto Community Housing has started labour negotiations with its unionized workers. These negotiations are separate from the City of Toronto's negotiations with its workers.

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### Did you know?

The Toronto Star's Christopher Hume said Regent Park revitalization is one of the [Top 10 reasons to be optimistic about Toronto?](#)

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